

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
August 22, 2007 Board Meeting

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Wednesday, August 22, 2007, at the Professional Licensing Boards, in Macon Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Jan Hines, DVM, President
Becky E. Malphus, DVM
Needham Bateman, DVM
Hugh Hill, DVM
Charles Lance

Others Present:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director
Eva Holmes, Board Secretary
Amelia Baker, Assistant District Attorney/Board Attorney
Lynn Reece, GVTAA
Scott Piper, GVMA

President Hines established that a quorum was present, and the Public Hearing that was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:31. No written or public comments were received.

1. Consideration of Board Rule 700-14-.03: Indirect Supervision
2. Consideration of Board Rule 700-15-.01, .02, .03 & .04: Supervision Responsibilities of Veterinary Assistants
3. Consideration of Board Rule 700-7-.03: Continuing Veterinary Education
4. Consideration of Board Rule 700-8-.01: Unprofessional Conduct

Mr. Lance motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted to **adjourn** the Public Hearing at 9:34.

President Hines established that a quorum was present, and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:35 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:35 a.m.

Mr. Lance motioned, Dr. Hill seconded and the board **voted to adopt** the following rules.

Board consideration of Board Rule 700-14-.03: Indirect Supervision

700-14-.03 Indirect Supervision. Effective 9/13/07

- (1) Indirect supervision means the duly licensed veterinarian is not on the premises but has given either written or oral instructions for the treatment of the animal patient and the animal has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such times as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated health care task.
- (2) A veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a duly licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under indirect supervision:
- (a) Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications and immunological agents by oral, IM and subcutaneous routes, excluding rabies vaccine for animals required to receive a rabies vaccine by Georgia law;
 - (b) Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications and immunological agents by intravenous routes;
 - (c) Radiography including settings, positioning, processing, and safety procedures;
 - (d) Collection of blood for diagnostic purposes; collection of urine by expression, or catheterization; collection of feces; collection and preparation of tissue, cellular, or microbiological samples by skin scrapings, impressions, or other non-surgical methods for diagnostic purposes;

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- (e) Routine laboratory test procedures;
 - (f) Collection of urine by cystocentesis; and
 - (g) Blood or blood component collection and preparation for transfusion.
- (3) A veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a duly licensed veterinarian may provide the following emergency animal patient care under indirect supervision:
- (a) Application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage;
 - (b) Resuscitative procedures;
 - (c) Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues;
 - (d) Application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe wound and burn cases; and
 - (e) External supportive treatment in heat prostration cases.
- (4) Grooming procedures and non-invasive skin (topical) treatment; and
- (5) Handling of biohazardous waste materials.
- Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-3, 43-50-21, 43-50-51 and 43-50-54.

Board consideration of Board Rule 700-15-.01, .02, .03 & .04: Supervision Responsibilities of Veterinary Assistants

700-15-.01 Immediate Supervision. Effective 9/13/07

- (1) Immediate Supervision means that the duly licensed veterinarian is in audible and visual range of the animal patient and the person treating the animal.
- (a) A duly licensed veterinarian is responsible to assure that the following tasks being performed by Veterinary Assistants is under immediate supervision:
- 1. Surgical assistance;
 - 2. Maintenance of anesthesia;
 - 3. Application of splints and slings;
 - 4. Dental extractions not requiring sectioning of the tooth or the resectioning of bone;
 - 5. Euthanasia;
 - 6. Blood or blood component collection and preparation for transfusion;
 - 7. Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications, and immunological agents by IV routes;
 - 8. Collection of urine by cystocentesis or catheterization; and
 - 9. Administration of blood or blood components to animal patients.
- Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-3, 43-50-21, 43-50-61, 43-50-62 and 43-50-63.

700-15-.02 Direct Supervision. Effective 9/13/07

- (1) Direct supervision means that the duly licensed veterinarian is on the premises and is quickly and easily available and that the animal patient has been examined by a duly licensed veterinarian at such time as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task.
- (a) A licensed veterinarian is responsible to assure that the following tasks being performed by Veterinary Assistants is under direct supervision:
- 1. Intravenous catheterizations,
 - 2. Collection of blood for diagnostic purposes; collection of feces: collection of urine by expression; collection and preparation of tissue, cellular, or microbiological samples by skin scrapings, impressions, or other non-surgical methods for diagnostic purposes;
 - 3. Dental procedures including, but not limited to the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains; the smoothing, filing, and polishing of teeth; or the floatation or dressing of equine teeth;
 - 4. Routine laboratory test procedures;
 - 5. Radiology assistance including setting, positioning, processing and safety procedures;

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6. Assisting any duly licensed veterinarian in the measuring of quantities of medication, but excluding the dispensing, compounding, or mixing of drugs; and
 7. Initiation of parenteral fluid administration.
- Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-3, 43-50-21, 43-50-61, 43-50-62 and 43-50-63.

700-15-.03 Indirect Supervision. Effective 9/13/07

(1) Indirect supervision means the duly licensed veterinarian is not on the premises but has given either written or oral instructions for the treatment of the animal patient and the animal has been examined by a duly licensed veterinarian at such times as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated health care task.

(a) A duly licensed veterinarian is responsible to assure that the following tasks being performed by Veterinary Assistants is under indirect supervision:

1. Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications and immunological agents by oral, IM, subcutaneous, routes excluding rabies vaccine for animals required to receive a rabies vaccine by Georgia law;
2. Grooming procedures and non-invasive skin (topical) treatment;
3. Handling of biohazardous waste materials.

(2) A veterinary assistant working under the direction, supervision and control of a duly licensed veterinarian may provide the following emergency animal patient care under indirect supervision.

- (a) Application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage;
- (b) Resuscitative procedures;
- (c) Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues; and;
- (d) Application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe wound and burn cases; and
- (e) External supportive treatment in heat prostration cases.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-3, 43-50-21, 43-50-61, 43-50-62 and 43-50-63.

700-15-.04 Restrictions. Effective 9/13/07

(1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit Veterinary Assistants to do the following:

- (a) Make any diagnosis or prognosis;
- (b) Prescribe any treatments, drugs, medications, or appliances;
- (c) Perform surgery.
- (d) Perform a nonemergency intubation;
- (e) Induce anesthesia;
- (f) Perform central venous catheterization;
- (g) Perform arterial catheterization;
- (h) Arterial collection for any animal;
- (i) Administer a rabies vaccine to an official vaccinate; and
- (j) Identify himself/herself as a Veterinarian Technician.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-3, 43-50-21, 43-50-61, 43-50-62 and 43-50-63.

Board consideration of Board Rule 700-7-.03: Continuing Veterinary Education

700-7-.03 Continuing Veterinary Education.

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine in accordance with the provisions of State Law and for the purpose of establishing certain minimum standards for continuing education in the best interest of and for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare hereby adopts the following rule:

(a) General Requirements:

1. Each veterinarian licensed to practice in the State of Georgia must obtain thirty (30) hours of Board approved continuing education per biennium for license renewal.

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2. At the time of license renewal, each veterinarian shall certify to the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine that he/she has completed the continuing education required for license renewal.
 3. A veterinarian licensed during the first year of a biennium must obtain fifteen (15) hours of continuing education. A veterinarian licensed during the second year of a biennium is exempt from obtaining continuing education for that renewal period. After this time period, the entire thirty (30) hours is required for each renewal.
 4. In the event that a veterinarian fails to verify or submit documentation of continuing education credits at the same time of renewal of his/her license, the Board will not process his/her renewal until continuing education requirements have been met and proof of such has been received and approved by the Board.
 5. A veterinarian may not carry over continuing education credits from one biennium license renewal period to the next.
 6. Each veterinarian must maintain a record of credit hours earned and proof of attendance of such hours for a period of three years from the date of the preceding renewal period and must provide the Board with said documentation upon request.
 7. Veterinarians who attend programs where more than one course is taught must maintain proof of the courses attended and the number of hours awarded for each course.
- (b) Approved Continuing Education Programs and Hours:
1. Blanket approval is awarded to any National, State and International veterinary association meetings, United States Department of Agriculture and Georgia Department of Agriculture sponsored meeting, Board Certified Specialties programs recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association, all Veterinary School sponsored classes and programs, all AAVSB RACE approved programs, any GVMA constituent organization programs, AAHA programs, programs sponsored by the United States or Southern Animal Health Association and any course approved by another state board.
 2. Upon specific request, continuing education courses may be approved by the Board whenever the sponsor provides information with respect to the practice of veterinary medicine. Such requests shall include the following:
 - (i) a detailed course outline or syllabus;
 - (ii) a current curriculum must be provided for each speaker or lecturer;
 - (iii) the procedure to be used for recording attendance;
 - (iv) the number of continuing education hours for which the course sponsor requests approval.
 3. Prior approval must be granted for any courses not offered by a blanket approved organization.
 4. Credit hours may be earned as follows:
 - (i) One (1) hour may be given for each 50 minutes of contact time. Seminars are composed of lectures or labs; welcoming remarks, business sessions, unstructured demonstrations or degree programs are not considered seminars.
 - (ii) Not more than three (3) hours can be for veterinary audio review. Three (3) hours can be for journal studies where follow-up testing is required. Fifteen (15) hours of interactive computer generated courses will be allowed. Follow-up testing is required.
 - (iii) Not more than five (5) hours for hospital management.
 - (iv) A maximum of twenty (20) hours will be allowed for any one meeting.
 - (v) A maximum of twelve (12) hours will be allowed per calendar day.
- (c) Continuing Education Audit:
1. During the renewal period, the Board staff will randomly select up to 25% of its licensees to audit for continuing education compliance. If selected for continuing education audit, each licensee must submit continuing education records to meet the renewal requirements for that license renewal period.
- (d) Provider and Sponsor Criteria: All providers and sponsors must provide the following information to the Board if they have not been awarded blanket approval:
1. Each sponsor or provider shall have an administrator whose responsibility is to maintain the criteria for quality in programming.

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2. Providers shall use qualified personnel to develop and present the programs, which shall utilize appropriate instructional materials and resources.
 3. Providers shall provide to the Board adequate advanced promotional information, material about target audiences, program content, faculty credentials and fees.
 4. Providers shall provide a means of registration of the participants at each program and maintain a record of attendance for a period of three years from the date of the program.
 5. Providers shall develop policies and procedures for the management of grievances.
 6. Providers shall provide each participant with adequate documentation of his/her successful completion of the program. The documentation shall include:
 - (i) Name and license number of participant;
 - (ii) Name of provider;
 - (iii) Name and title of program;
 - (iv) Hours/CEU's completed;
 - (v) Date of completion; and
 - (vi) Authorizing signature.
 7. All continuing education providers seeking approval of the continuing education program by the Georgia State Board of Veterinary shall submit a Program Approval Form for each program presented. These forms should be submitted 60 days in advance.
- Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-50-2, 43-50-21, and 43-50-40.

Board consideration of Board Rule 700-8-.01: Unprofessional Conduct

700-8-.01 Unprofessional Conduct.

Within the meaning of Ga. Code subsection 43-50-21(a)(7), unprofessional conduct means:

(a) Advertising – defined: Advertising shall mean any information communicated in a manner designed to attract public attention to the practice of the licensee or registrant. Advertising shall include but not be limited to, a communication, published or displayed through the use of newspaper, internet, telephone directory, pamphlets or handouts, radio, television, signs, billboard, window display or any other means of medium.

1. A licensee or registrant shall not make any false, misleading or deceptive communication in any form of advertising.
2. Advertisement of prices must contain a complete description of veterinary services included in any advertised price and disclosure of any extra charges that may be required to serve the consumer's needs.

(b) Professional Relationships:

1. It shall be unprofessional conduct for a licensee or registrant without just cause and in bad faith or for the purpose of soliciting patronage or personal pecuniary gain to disparage the profession or professional capabilities of another licensee or registrant.
2. It shall be unprofessional conduct to aid any person, firm, or corporation to engage in the unauthorized practice of veterinary medicine.
3. It shall be unprofessional conduct for a licensee or registrant to guarantee a cure or to offer his name in a commercial setting in a testimonial as to virtues of proprietary remedies or foods.
4. Consultation by an attending veterinarian with other veterinarians expert in the particular matter on which consultation is sought is in the public interest and thus is expected of the attending veterinarian when the need arises. But such consultation is discouraged if the consulting veterinarian employs the relationship so created to disparage the attending veterinarian or to solicit business; such practices are not in the public interest.
 - (i) It shall therefore be unprofessional conduct for a licensee called as a consulting veterinarian to disparage in the presence of the client the competence of the attending veterinarian. The Board does, however, expect any incompetence or negligence to be reported to it and nothing in this rule prohibits such reports or the giving of testimony in public or private litigation.
 - (ii) It shall be unprofessional conduct for a consulting veterinarian to assume unauthorized control of the case or to utilize the consulting relationship to solicit business for himself or others.

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5. It shall be unprofessional conduct for a licensee employed to render professional advice by one party in negotiations concerning the sale of an animal to accept a fee from the other party.

(c) Failure to Maintain Patient Records:

1. A veterinarian shall prepare and maintain a record reflecting the care and treatment of animals treated.

2. These records shall contain clinical information sufficient to justify the diagnosis and warrant treatment and shall, if applicable, include but not be limited to the following information:

(i) Name, address and telephone number of the animal's owner;

(ii) Name of attending veterinarian and staff rendering care;

(iii) Patient identification, including name, ages, sex and breed;

(iv) Dates of examination, treatment and custody of the animal;

(v) Patient history;

(vi) Presenting complaint;

(vii) Vaccination history;

(viii) Findings from physical examination, including temperature and weight;

(ix) Clinical lab reports, if applicable;

(x) Medication and treatment, including frequency;

(xi) Anesthetic, including type and amount, if applicable;

(xii) Details of surgical procedure with complications and/or abnormalities noted, if applicable;

(xiii) Progress and disposition of the case;

(xiv) Differential diagnoses; and

(xv) X-rays if applicable.

3. All records shall be kept in a readily retrievable form, shall be recorded contemporaneously, and shall be filed promptly following treatment.

4. Patient records shall be kept by a veterinarian for three (3) years after a patient's last visit, notwithstanding any other provisions of law.

5. All records are the sole property of the veterinarian, however, copies must be made available to the owner of the animal upon their written request. Such records must be made available within ten (10) business days from request. The veterinarian may charge a reasonable charge for the search, retrieval, duplication and, if applicable, mailing of the patient records.

6. Failure to keep records as required by this subparagraph shall constitute a failure to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing veterinary medical practice.

(d) Failure to have an appropriate Veterinarian/Client/Patient Relationship. An appropriate veterinarian/client/patient relationship will exist when:

1. The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making medical judgments regarding the health of the animal(s) and the need for medical treatment, and the client (owner or other caretaker) has agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian;

2. There is sufficient knowledge of the animal(s) by the veterinarian to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal(s). This means that the veterinarian has seen the animal within the last twelve (12) months and is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal(s) by virtue of an examination of the animal(s), and/or by medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal(s) are kept; and

3. When the practicing veterinarian is readily available for follow-up in case of adverse reactions or failure of the regimen of therapy.

(e) Prescription Drugs:

1. After a valid veterinary/client/patient relationship has been established, a veterinarian must make available, at a reasonable cost, a written prescription.

2. It is unlawful for a veterinarian to release, prescribe, and/or dispense any prescription drugs without having examined the animal and established a valid veterinary/client/patient relationship.

Authority O.C.G.A., §§ 43-1-19, 43-50-21, and 43-50-41.

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The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rules does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as provided by the Attorney General's office.

The board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the applicable laws to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(3)(A)(B)(C)(D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of Veterinarian Medicine.

Minutes from the June 13, 2007 meeting: Dr. Malphus made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes.

Ratify list of newly issued licenses: Dr. Bateman made a motion, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted to **ratify** the following list of newly issued licenses.

License Number	Name	License Type
VET007690	Charlton, Patricia Lynn	Veterinarian
VET007691	Terry, Jaime D.	Veterinarian
VET007692	Spivey, Alisha Hays	Veterinarian
VET007693	McConney, Stephanie Leone	Veterinarian
VET007694	Boggan, Elizabeth Bridges	Veterinarian
VET007695	Engel, Robyn Marie	Veterinarian
VET007696	Johnson, Kelly Ann	Veterinarian
VET007697	Phelps, Holly Anne	Veterinarian
VET007698	Bair-Brake, Heather Dawn	Veterinarian
VET007699	Makowsky Beasley, Kristin Nicole	Veterinarian
VET007700	Collins, Jeremy Scott	Veterinarian
VET007701	Collins, Jessica Marie	Veterinarian
VET007702	Fiorello, Christine V	Veterinarian
VET007703	Wiest, Janice Lyn	Veterinarian
VET007704	Lynch, Jennifer	Veterinarian
VET007705	Kirby, Brian Oliver	Veterinarian
VET007706	Sabatino, Bethany Rose	Veterinarian
VET007707	McCullough, Valerie Leigh	Veterinarian
VET007708	Thomas, Traci Gunter	Veterinarian
VET007709	Williams, Cassandra C	Veterinarian
VET007710	Wood, Heather Ann	Veterinarian
VET007711	Mikoloski, David Eric	Veterinarian
VET007712	Loch, Jessica Rozelle	Veterinarian
VET007713	Payton, Charles Aubrey, Jr	Veterinarian
VET007714	Bauer, Marilyn Ann	Veterinarian
VET007715	Burke, Haley F	Veterinarian
VET007716	Bellin, Michael Alex	Veterinarian
VET007717	Wegenhart, Kenneth Clayton	Veterinarian

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VET007718	Delaup, Maria Anna	Veterinarian
VET007719	Wills, Heather Marie	Veterinarian
VET007720	Reid, Sarah Rebecca	Veterinarian
VET007721	Miska, Tara	Veterinarian
VET007722	Dove, April L	Veterinarian
VET007723	Kelly, Richard, III	Veterinarian
VET007724	Bishop, Chad Christopher	Veterinarian
VET007725	D'Amico, Jodi Lynn	Veterinarian
VET007726	Mulvey, Brian Alan	Veterinarian
VET007727	Ricks, Romonique J	Veterinarian
VET007728	Wagner-Wright, Kahrma	Veterinarian
VET007729	Conlon, Katherine Granish	Veterinarian
VET007730	Murphy, Molly Danielle	Veterinarian
VET007731	Krum, Barbara Kay	Veterinarian
VET007732	Krum, Stephen Mitchell	Veterinarian
VET007733	Green, Todd Anthony	Veterinarian
VET007734	White, David Michael	Veterinarian
VET007735	Rainwater, Katherine A. Eckert	Veterinarian
VET007736	Scarlett, Jennifer L	Veterinarian
VET007737	Lee, Shane David	Veterinarian
VET007738	Czarnecki, Amy Gretchen	Veterinarian
VET007739	Behnke, Elena Lisbeth	Veterinarian
VET007740	Gray, John W	Veterinarian
VET007741	Reeder, Christopher Joseph	Veterinarian
VET007742	Kachur, Kelti Anne	Veterinarian
VET007743	Vann, Jennifer Suzanne	Veterinarian
VET007744	Henderson, Audra Jean	Veterinarian
VET007745	Schlanser, Justin Read	Veterinarian
VET007746	Courtney, Jeffery Jackson	Veterinarian
VET007747	Ford, Sarah Elizabeth	Veterinarian
VET007748	Noblin, Lena Josephine	Veterinarian
VET007749	Markway, Heather Marie	Veterinarian
VETF000512	Beagley, Janet Carol	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000513	Danielson, Kelson Craig	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000514	Durham, Myra Elizabeth	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000515	Ellison, Michelle Elaine	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000516	Mercurio, Andrew David	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000517	Pavez, Juan C	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000518	Klose, Tyler Chisholm	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000519	Roach, Wesley Justin	Veterinary Faculty

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VETF000520	Banse, Heidi Elise	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000521	Pittman, Jennifer Rae	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000522	Barber, Renee Marie	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000523	Pellegrini-Masini, Alessandra	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000524	Elfenbein, Johanna R	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000525	Haley, Allison Caroline	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000526	Lopez Vega, Luis Alejaudvo	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000527	Schmiedt, Chad Weber	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000528	Butterworth, Kelly Ann	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000529	Whitlock, Dana M	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000530	Zavala, Guillermo	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000531	Bell, Dennis R	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000532	Berghaus, Roy David	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000533	Tennent-Brown, Brett Stewart	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000534	Eagleson, Joseph Samuel	Veterinary Faculty
VETT000854	Dressel, Lori Monique	Veterinary Technician
VETT000855	Barrows, Amy Kim	Veterinary Technician
VETT000856	Christian, Melissa D	Veterinary Technician
VETT000857	Farrar, Michele D	Veterinary Technician
VETT000858	Hekman, Brian Phillip	Veterinary Technician
VETT000859	Rollins, Jason Bradley	Veterinary Technician
VETT000860	Swanson, Laura Hill	Veterinary Technician
VETT000861	Tharpe, Amanda Nicole	Veterinary Technician
VETT000862	Harrison, Megan E	Veterinary Technician
VETT000863	Herring, Nina Ray	Veterinary Technician
VETT000864	Arrendale, Miranda Anne	Veterinary Technician
VETT000865	Bray, Ginger D	Veterinary Technician
VETT000866	Chitwood, Emily Elaine	Veterinary Technician
VETT000867	Furcron, Ginny Lea	Veterinary Technician
VETT000868	Godby, Brandi Nicole	Veterinary Technician
VETT000869	Maddox, Rachel Christina	Veterinary Technician
VETT000870	McAbee, Sara Rene	Veterinary Technician
VETT000871	Warren, Krista Leigh	Veterinary Technician
VETT000872	Ferguson, Lynn Ann	Veterinary Technician
VETT000873	Delasho, David Thomas	Veterinary Technician
VETT000874	Barnes, Lindsey	Veterinary Technician
VETT000875	Skinner, Megan Elizabeth	Veterinary Technician
VETT000876	Ginderske, Katherine Rose	Veterinary Technician
VETT000877	Bannon, Kevin James	Veterinary Technician
VETT000878	Coleman, Martha Vernette	Veterinary Technician

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VETT000879	Yimer, Aberash Tesfaye	Veterinary Technician
VETT000880	Wright, Megan Mariah	Veterinary Technician
VETT000881	Teasley, Sharon Denise	Veterinary Technician
VETT000882	Berton, Celeste Amelie	Veterinary Technician
VETT000883	Leverett, Adele Tullo	Veterinary Technician
VETT000884	Guishard, Channelva Sherrina	Veterinary Technician
VETT000885	Lobell, Tashauna Misti	Veterinary Technician
VETT000886	Reynolds, Rebecca M	Veterinary Technician
VETT000887	Pullin, Stephanie Stevens	Veterinary Technician
VETT000888	Vaughn, Lisa McKinney	Veterinary Technician
VETT000889	Lawrence, Melissa Ann	Veterinary Technician
VETT000890	Rheney, Patricia Eileen	Veterinary Technician
VETT000891	Chiesa, Andrea M	Veterinary Technician
	REINSTATEMENTS	
VET005099	Harrison, Meredith Meade	Veterinarian

Correspondence from Dr. H. B. Blalock regarding an internet pharmacy – Board response: Referred to Pharmacy Board.

Petition from Dr. Steven E. Stevenson requesting variance/waiver of Board Rule – Dr. Hill motioned, Dr. Bateman seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the request.

Petition from Sandra Cone requesting waiver of Board Rule 700-4-.01 – Dr. Hill motioned, Mr. Lance seconded and the Board voted to **approve for a Temporary license**, but ECFVG is still required.

Petition from Joanne Dozier requesting variance/waiver of Board Rule – Dr. Hill motioned, Dr. Bateman seconded and the board voted to **approve** the request.

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director's Report

- Revised a draft to the Board's Rabies policy to include guidelines for rabies clinics as follows:
 - If clinic is conducted at a Public Health facility (i.e. County Health Department), Government-Sponsored facility (i.e. Animal Control), or sponsored by an Educational entity (4-H, UGA, etc.) they are exempt from board rules and regulations pertaining to facilities and record-keeping. However, emergency coverage must be established to respond in case of adverse reaction. Vaccination clinics are not exempt from any rules and regulations of the board.

This policy is to be considered at the October board meeting.

Miscellaneous

The Board requested that Executive Director provide Scott Piper with the GVMA with the rules & regulations pertaining to maintaining proper records.

Dr. Bateman made a motion, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-19(h)(2) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those

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present who included Dr. Hill and Mr. Lance. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Investigative Interviews –

Dr. K.S. – VET060112 – Closed no violation

Dr. R.K. – VET060007 – Further investigation required

Dr. L.G. – VET070006, VET070074, VET070096 – no show

Applications:

- **M.S. – Veterinary Applicant** – Tabled until a decision is made by the NBVME on the NAVLE. Also a resolution must be made on the outstanding complaint of unlicensed practice.

REPORTS:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director's Report

- Requested notice from the board members as to whether or not they were aware of any legislation that may come up during the 2008 session. – The board members stated that they were not aware of any at this time.
- Dr. Bateman motioned and Mr. Lance seconded and the board voted to accept the consent order for Deana Raye Livingston, DVM.
- Request for clarification on euthanasia from Dr. McReynolds – Board response: Notify Dr. McReynolds that from the information received, it appears that the Veterinary Technicians conducting euthanasia without a veterinarian present are violating Georgia Law. Also request that she submit the information on these individuals to the board for an investigation.
- Reviewed e-mail from Dr. Kevin L. Chapman re: California Law allowing for administration of controlled substances by RVT's and Vet Assistants – Board response: Notify Dr. Chapman & thank him for the information; it was viewed as informational.
- Reviewed referral from Dr. Lee Myers about The Equine Repro Center of Palm Beach. – Board response: Notify Dr. Myers that from the information received & found on the center's web-site, there appears to be no violation of Georgia laws & rules.

Cognizant Reports:

<u>Case #</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
VET050091	Close with LOC
VET060015	Close – no violation
VET060071	Refer to Peer Review
VET060102	Close with LOC
VET070015	Issue Private Consent Order
VET070041	Close – no violation
VET070035	Close with LOC
VET070120	Close – no violation
VET070127	Close – no violation
VET070128	Send mitigating circumstance letter
VET070124	Close with LOC
VET070119	Close with LOC
VET070094	Refer to Peer Review

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VET070092	Close – no violation
VET070118	Close with LOC
VET070110	Close – no violation
VET070055	Close – no violation
VET070082	Close – no violation
VET070086	Close – no violation
VET070090	Close – no violation
VET070051	Refer to Peer Review
VET080004	Close with LOC
VET080011	Close – no violation
VET080007	Close – no violation
VET080005	Close – no violation
VET080003	Refer for Peer Review

Lynn Eason, Enforcement Report:

<u>Case #</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
VET050042	Mitigating Circumstance Letter
VET060004	Reinspection
VET070015	Reinspection
VET070115	Close – no violation

Amelia Baker, Board Attorney Report

- Gave an update on three cases in her office.

Dr. Bateman made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the recommendations made in the Executive Session. Dr. Hill recused from voting on cases VET070092 and VET080005.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2007 at 9:30 A.M. at the Professional Licensing Boards in Macon, Georgia.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Eva Holmes, Board Secretary

Minutes edited by: Anita O. Martin, Executive Director

***These minutes will be approved at the October 17, 2007
Board meeting.***